

MINNESOTA BARLEY PRODUCTION LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 1885

BARLEY production of 8.5 million bushels is down 63% from last year and the lowest level since 1885, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Acres harvested for grain in 1999 is 180,000 acres, the lowest level since 1880. Yield at 47.0 bushels per acre is down 8 bushels from 1998.

SPRING WHEAT production is estimated at 84.0 million bushels, up 7% from 1998. Acres harvested for grain is 2.1 million acres, up 9% from last year. Yield at 40.0 bushels per acre is down 1 bushel from last year.

DURUM WHEAT is estimated at 160,000 bushels, down 14% from 185,000 bushels in 1998. Yield at 32.0 bushels per acre is down 5 bushels from 1998.

WINTER WHEAT production at 1.1 million bushels is down 32% from last year. Acres harvested for grain in 1999 is 35,000 acres compared to 57,000 acres in 1998. Yield at 30.0 bushels per acre is up 3 bushels from 1998.

Minnesota's **OAT** crop at 17.7 million bushels is down 9% from last year. The yield at 59.0 bushels per acre is down 4 bushels from last year.

RYE production at 775,000 bushels is down 7% from last year. Acres harvested for grain is down 2,000 acres from 1998. The yield at 31.0 bushels per acre is the same as last year.

U. S. HIGHLIGHTS

ALL WHEAT production totaled 2.32 billion bushels in 1999, up less than 1% from the last forecast, but down 9% from 1998. Most of the production increase from the last forecast is due to the change in winter wheat production. Grain area is 54.3 million acres, down 8% from last year. The U.S. yield is 42.7 bushels per acre, down half a bushel from last year's record high.

OATS production for the 1999 crop year is forecast at 147.9 million bushels, 11% smaller than the 1998 production. This is the lowest production since records were first kept in 1866. The forecasted yield, at 60.0 bushels per acre, is slightly below last year's 60.2 bushel yield. Area harvested and to be harvested for grain in 1999 is 2.47 million acres, 11% below 1998. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record.

BARLEY production in 1999 is estimated at 284 million bushels, up 1% from the last forecast but down 19% from last year's estimate. This is the lowest production since 1953. Average yield per acre, at 59.5 bushels, is down 0.5 bushels from 1998. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 4.78million acres, 19% less than a year ago. This is the lowest acreage since 1900.

MINNESOTA & U. S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	1998 HARVESTED ACRES	1999 HARVESTED ACRES	1998 YIELD (BUSHELS)	1999 YIELD (BUSHELS)	1998 PRODUCTION (BUSHELS)	1999 PRODUCTION (BUSHELS)
MINNESOTA						
SPRING WHEAT	1,920,000	2,100,000	41.0	40.0	78,720,000	84,000,000
DURUM WHEAT	5,000	5,000	37.0	32.0	185,000	160,000
WINTER WHEAT	57,000	35,000	27.0	30.0	1,539,000	1,050,000
BARLEY	415,000	180,000	55.0	47.0	22,825,000	8,460,000
OATS	310,000	300,000	63.0	59.0	19,530,000	17,700,000
RYE	27,000	25,000	31.0	31.0	837,000	775,000
UNITED STATES						
SPRING WHEAT	15,148,000	14,918,000	34.9	34.1	528,469,000	509,180,000
DURUM WHEAT	3,728,000	3,859,000	37.0	28.5	138,119,000	110,042,000
WINTER WHEAT	40,126,000	35,542,000	46.9	47.8	1,880,733,000	1,698,369,000
BARLEY	5,864,000	4,778,000	60.0	59.5	352,125,000	284,073,000
OATS	2,755,000	2,465,000	60.2	60.0	165,981,000	147,906,000
RYE	418,000	383,000	28.2	28.7	11,795,000	10,993,000

MINNESOTA CORN STOCKS HIGHEST SEPTEMBER LEVEL IN 10 YEARS

OLD CROP CORN stocks held in all positions on September 1, 1999 totaled 270.5 million bushels, 54% above a year earlier and the highest September level on hand since September 1, 1989, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. On-farm stocks accounted for 54% of the total or 145.0 million bushels.

OLD CROP SOYBEAN stocks in all positions totaled 52.6 million bushels, up 141% from September 1, 1998 and the highest September level on hand since September 1, 1995. On-farm stocks accounted for 53% of the total or 28.0 million bushels.

ALL WHEAT stocks held in all positions totaled 109.7 million bushels, 15% above a year earlier. On-farm stocks accounted for 64% of the total or 70.0 million bushels.

BARLEY stocks were down 13% from a year ago. Total holdings in all positions were 34.5 million bushels, with 19% held on farms.

OAT stocks totaled 25.3 million bushels, 8% below a year ago. On-farm stocks accounted for 49% of the total.

U. S. HIGHLIGHTS

OLD CROP CORN stocks in all positions on September 1, 1999 totaled 1.80 billion bushels, up 37% from September 1, 1998. Of the total stocks, 807 million bushels were stored on farms, up 26% from a year ago.

OLD CROP SOYBEANS stored in all positions on September 1, 1999 totaled 348 million bushels, up 74% from September 1, 1998. On-farm stocks totaled 145 million bushels, up 72% from last September.

ALL WHEAT stored in all positions September 1, 1999 totaled 2.46 billion bushels, up 3% from a year ago and the highest September 1 level since the 1987-88 marketing year. Farm stocks are 903 million bushels, up 2% from last year. More than 20 percent of the stocks on farms were standing in fields at the time of data collection; North Dakota and Montana had the majority of the unharvested production.

BARLEY stocks in all positions on September 1, 1999 are estimated at 297 million bushels, 9% below last year. Of the total barley stocks on hand, 167 million bushels are stored on farms, 14% below a year ago.

OATS stored in all positions on September 1, 1999 totaled 148 million bushels, 8% below the stocks on September 1, 1998. Of the total stocks on hand, 97.5 million bushels were stored on farms, 12% below this time last year.

SEPTEMBER 1
MINNESOTA & U. S. GRAIN STOCKS

COMMODITY	ON FARM		OFF FARM		TOTAL ALL POSITIONS		% CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	

- 1, 000 BUSHELS-
MINNESOTA

CORN	115, 000	145, 000	60, 730	125, 542	175, 730	270, 542	+54
SOYBEANS	11, 000	28, 000	10, 866	24, 622	21, 866	52, 622	+141
ALL WHEAT	60, 000	70, 000	35, 465	39, 689	95, 465	109, 689	+15
BARLEY	15, 500	6, 500	24, 072	28, 008	39, 572	34, 508	- 13
OATS	14, 000	12, 500	13, 509	12, 841	27, 509	25, 341	- 8

UNITED STATES

CORN	640, 000	807, 000	667, 803	989, 367	1, 307, 80	1, 796, 36	+37
SOYBEANS	84, 300	145, 000	115, 499	202, 983	199, 799	347, 983	+74
ALL WHEAT	885, 720	903, 060	1, 499, 77	1, 556, 19	2, 385, 49	2, 459, 25	+3
BARLEY	193, 500	167, 100	132, 652	129, 845	326, 152	296, 945	- 9
OATS	110, 300	97, 500	51, 515	50, 982	161, 815	148, 482	- 8